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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR PRINCE FAHD

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM ME TO PRINCE FAHD.

2. BEGIN MESSAGE:

YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS:

I WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SEND YOU SOME PERSONAL
THOUGHTS ABOUT THE SITUATION IN YOUR AREA AS OUR GOVERNMENT
PREPARES FOR THE TRANSITION TO A NEW ADMINISTRATION.

OVER THE COMING WEEKS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR LONG-STANDING
TRADITION, I SHALL BE DISCUSSING THE WHOLE RANGE OF THE
FOREIGN POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES WITH REPRESENTATIVES
OF PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER AND WITH MY SUCCESSOR WHEN HE IS
NAMED. I INTEND TO GIVE HIGH PRIORITY IN THESE DISCUSSIONS
TO THE IMPORTANCE OF THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED
STATES AND SAUDI ARABIA. I SHALL IN PARTICULAR ENSURE

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THAT THE NEW ADMINISTRATION IS INFORMED IN DETAIL ABOUT

ALL ASPECTS OF THOSE RELATIONS IN RECENT YEARS, ABOUT OUR
DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS TO BRING A JUST AND LASTING PEACE TO THE

MIDDLE EAST, AND ABOUT THE IMPORTANT ROLE THE KINGDOM
HAS PLAYED IN SUPPORT OF THESE EFFORTS UNDER THE LEADER-
SHIP OF THE LATE KING FAISAL AND OF HIS MAJESTY KING
KHALID.

I CAN UNDERSTAND THAT THIS MAY APPEAR TO YOUR HIGHNESS TO
BE A PERIOD OF SOME UNCERTAINTY ABOUT FUTURE U.S. POLICY.
THE POINT I WOULD STRESS, HOWEVER, IS THAT THE REALITIES
OF THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION AND THE INTERESTS OF THE
UNITED STATES IN HELPING TO BRING PEACE TO THE MIDDLE EAST
WILL BE UNCHANGED. THE MAIN LINES OF UNITED STATES MIDDLE
EAST POLICY HAVE NOT BEEN A PARTISAN ISSUE IN THIS COUNTRY
AND TODAY ENJOY BROAD SUPPORT IN OUR PUBLIC OPINION. I
WOULD URGE YOUR HIGHNESS AND ALL OF OUR FRIENDS IN THE
MIDDLE EAST TO RESERVE JUDGMENT AND TO GIVE EVERY
OPPORTUNITY OVER THE MONTHS AHEAD TO THE NEW ADMINISTRA-
TION AS IT APPROACHES THE TASK OF PEACEMAKING IN THE
MIDDLE EAST.

FINALLY, YOUR HIGHNESS, I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I SHALL
NEVER FORGET THE WARM HOSPITALITY ALWAYS EXTENDED TO
ME DURING MY VISITS TO THE KINGDOM AND THE STEADFAST
SUPPORT AND FRIENDSHIP OF SAUDI ARABIA WHICH HAVE MADE
SUCH A VITAL CONTRIBUTION, INCLUDING YOUR RECENT EFFORTS
WITH RESPECT TO LEBANON, TO CREATING CONDITIONS IN WHICH
PROGRESS IS POSSIBLE TOWARD PEACE WITH JUSTICE IN YOUR
REGION.

WARM PERSONAL REGARDS,

HENRY A. KISSINGER

END MESSAGE.

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